A process for depositing a tungsten silicide film on a substrate comprising:

depositing a nucleation layer of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the substrate using a (CVD)

process with a silane (SiH₄) silicon source gas and a reactant gas, and depositing a

film of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the nucleation layer using a (CVD) process by

switching to dichlorosilane (SiH₂Cl₂) as a silicon source gas such that the

dichlorosilane gas reacts with the reactant gas to form the tungsten silicide film at a

temperature of less than about 500°C.

The process as recited in claim 1 and wherein:
a reactant gas for reaction with the silane and the dichlorosilane is tungsten [hexaflouride]
hexafluoride (WF₆).

The process as recited in claim [2] 1 [and wherein] further including:

[the (CVD) process is carried] carrying out the (CVD) process in a cold wall (CVD) reaction chamber.

4. The process as recited in claim [3] 1 [and wherein] further including: [the (CVD) process is carried] carrying out the (CVD) process at a temperature of about 400°C. or less.

- 5. The process as recited in claim [4] 1 and wherein: the nucleation layer is formed with discontinuities or to a very thin thickness on the substrate.
- 6. The process as recited in claim [5] 1 [and wherein] further including:

 [a premix chamber is used to mix] mixing the silane or dichlorosilane silicon source gas, the reactant gas and a carrier gas in a premix chamber.
- 7. The process as recited in claim 6 and wherein:
 a flow rate of the carrier gas is about five to ten times a flow rate of the silane or
 dichlorosilane silicon source gas.
- 8. A semiconductor manufacturing process for depositing a tungsten silicide film on a substrate comprising:

depositing a thin or discontinuous nucleation layer of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the substrate using a (CVD) process and reacting a silane (SiH₄) silicon source gas with a reactant gas in a CVD system having a premix chamber for combining the silicon source gas and the reactant gas; and

depositing a film of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the nucleation layer using a (CVD) process by switching to dichlorosilane (SiH₂Cl₂) as a silicon source gas such that the dichlorosilane gas reacts with the reactant gas to form the tungsten silicide film at a temperature of less than about 500°C.

- 9. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 8 and wherein: the reactant gas is tungsten hexafluoride (WF_6) .
- 10. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim [9] 8 [and wherein] further including:

 [the (CVD) process is performed] performing the (CVD) process in a cold wall (CVD)

the (CVD) process is performed] <u>performing the (CVD) process</u> in a cold wall (CVD) system.

- The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 10 and wherein: the cold wall (CVD) system includes the premix chamber, a reaction chamber, a graphite boat for holding a plurality of silicon wafers, and means for heating the silicon wafers.
- 12. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim [11] 8 and wherein: the substrate is silicon wafers and the wafers are heated to a temperature of between 200° to 500°C.
- 13. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited-in claim [12] <u>8</u> and wherein deposition of the nucleation layer occurs in about 1 to about 25 seconds.
- 14. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim [13] 8 and wherein: a carrier gas includes a mixture of Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium.
- 15. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim. 14 and wherein:
 - a flow rate of the silane silicon source gas is about 400 sccm;
 - a flow rate of the reactant gas is about 4 sccm; and
 - a flow rate of the carrier gas is about 2800 sccm.
- 16. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 1 and wherein:
 said depositing said nucleation layer of tungsten silicide and said depositing said film of
 tungsten silicide occur at a substantially equivalent temperature.
- 17. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 8 and wherein:
 said depositing said thin or discontinuous layer of tungsten silicide and said depositing said
 film of tungsten silicide occur at a substantially equivalent temperature.
- A process for depositing a tungsten silicide film on a substrate comprising.

 depositing a nucleation layer of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the substrate using a (CVD)

 process with a silane (SiH₄) silicon source gas and a reactant gas;

depositing a film of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the discontinuous nucleation layer using a (CVD) process by switching to dichlorosilane (SiH₂Cl₂) as a silicon source gas such that the dichlorosilane gas reacts with the reactant gas to form the tungsten silicide film; and

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wherein said depositing said nucleation layer of tungsten silicide and said depositing said film of tungsten silicide occur at a substantially equivalent temperature.

- 19. The process as recited in claim 18 further including:
 introducing tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) as a reactant gas for reaction with the silane and
 the dichlorosilane.
- 20. The process as recited in claim 18 further including: carrying out the (CVD) process in a cold wall (CVD) reaction chamber.
- 21. The process as recited in claim 18 further including: carrying out the (CVD) process at a temperature of about 400°C. or less.
- 22. The process as recited in claim 18 further including:
 mixing the silane or dichlorosilane silicon source gas, the reactant gas and a carrier gas in
 a premix chamber.
- 23. The process as recited in claim 22 wherein:

 a flow rate of the carrier gas is about five to ten times a flow rate of the silane or

 dichlorosilane silicon source gas.
- A semiconductor manufacturing process for depositing a tungsten silicide film on a substrate comprising:
 - depositing a discontinuous nucleation layer of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the substrate using a (CVD) process and reacting a silane (SiH₄) silicon source gas with a reactant gas in a CVD system having a premix chamber for combining the silicon source gas and the reactant gas; and
 - depositing a film of tungsten silicide (WSi_x) on the discontinuous nucleation layer using a (CVD) process by switching to dichlorosilane (SiH₂Cl₂) as a silicon source gas such that the dichlorosilane gas reacts with the reactant gas to form the tungsten silicide film.
- 25. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 24 and wherein:

 said depositing said discontinuous nucleation layer of tungsten silicide and said depositing

 said film of tungsten silicide occur at a substantially equivalent temperature.
- 26. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 24 further including: introducing tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) as the reactant gas.
- 27. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 24 further including: performing the (CVD) process in a cold wall (CVD) system.
- 28. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 27 wherein:

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- the cold wall (CVD) system includes the premix chamber, a reaction chamber, a graphite boat for holding a plurality of silicon wafers, and means for heating the silicon wafers.
- 29. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 24 wherein:
 heating the substrate to a temperature of between about 200° and 500°C., and wherein
 said substrate comprises a silicon wafer.
- 30. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 24 further including:

 depositing of the discontinuous nucleation layer for a timespan between about 1 and 25 seconds.
- 31. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 24 further including: a carrier gas comprising a mixture of Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium.
- 32. The semiconductor manufacturing process as recited in claim 31 further including: introducing the silane silicon source gas at about 400 sccm; introducing the reactant gas at about 4 sccm; and introducing a carrier gas at about 2800 sccm.

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